

Village of Washburn
March 12, 2007
Board meeting minutes

		TRUSTEES	
MAYOR	Bridgit Marquez	L. Gebel	L. Grebner
CLERK		M. Mitchell	W. Strauch
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Meeting called to order and the following board members were present: Linda Gebel, Lee Grebner, Marty Mitchell, Larry Tomlinson and Mark Zulz. Bill Strauch was absent. Because the board has not yet appointed a clerk, Mayor Marquez is standing in as the clerk tonight and Mark Zulz will serve as Mayor Pro Tem and run the meeting.

Minutes: Lee Gebner made a motion to approve last month's board meeting minutes. Linda Gebel seconded it. All ayes, minutes approved.

Bills: the board reviewed all bills. Linda Gebel made a motion to approve the bills. Marty Mitchell seconded it. All ayes.

Acknowledge and recognize guests: Shawn Parsh gave a presentation and provided plans for his purchase and development of a plat of land #4 in the industrial park. He is interested in putting in a carwash and laundry facility with the possibility of an expansion of miniature golf and go-carts. He wants highway 89 access and will set it back far enough that the place will not back up traffic and cause an issue. He is working with IDOT. Shawn also will place a billboard sign out there with which to lease for advertisement. People will rent the space for their announcements or advertisements. He will not proceed without board's approval for the billboard, as this will be his primary source of income. It will be 15 feet in height. Although sewer is not necessary, he would like to have it at some point. Perhaps TIF...if it gets going. The land appraised at 15K. Completion will be expected in 120 days. There was discussion as to whether he would consider the land across from the library and next to the funeral home as a place for the car wash. That would be an ideal spot, but would not allow for the other things Shawn is interested in pursuing. The advantage to the car wash in the Village is the sewer accessibility. Marty will work with Shawn on this since Linda will be out of town. Marty will follow up with Danny as well.

Committee Reports:

Streets:

TARP grant money is not sufficient to do a project and the street committee is considering returning it to the State. Judd Giffin from Foth Engineering asked the Village to wait on the return since the money doesn't need to be spent until June 2008. He is willing to work

with the Village to establish funding to help with the cost. We will wait on the return of the grant money. The grant is for 41K and the project itself will run 128K.

The town cleanup was discussed and was decided that three bids will be sent out for this year's clean up. They will be opened at the April street committee meeting. Due to the conflict of interest, (Larry's direct involvement with the garbage service) another committee member will open and recommend selection. Larry will abstain from all discussion. The estimated cost is \$3000-\$4000.

Grebner Lane request. Although it isn't a public street and the Village isn't involved, as a courtesy, the Grebner's want to name the three-house driveway Grebner Lane. The board had no problem with doing so.

Water/Sewer:

The Village's contract with Foth is due to expire and needs to be renewed. This renewal will be extended until August 1, 2007. Marty made a motion to extend the contract to August 1, 2007 between the Village of Washburn and Foth Engineering. Larry seconded it. All ayes.

The secondary water pump went out and was fixed. The cost was \$9000.00.

The Christian Church had a major water line break and asked for relief from the Village. The Village agreed to credit the sewer charges only, and the church will cover the water portion.

The only bid that was returned on the water main 40+ feet was Don Feasel's in the amount of \$12,360.00. There may be additional costs due to fitting issues with the current mains. Marty made that motion to accept the proposal subject to the bid specifications. Linda Gebel seconded it.

We are paying Maguire \$870.00 instead of the original pay \$15,930 request because we did not keep a retainage of 10% in the last pay request which is standard procedure. We will do that at this time. Marty made that motion and it was seconded by Lee. All ayes.

Police:

Approval of Kelly Murrah as permanent police chief. Larry Tomlinson voiced his concern about the hours of work listed in the contract. He feels it would not be a good thing for the Village to limit his hours. Larry made a motion to change the current contract presented to the board for approval. There was no second to this motion. After discussion, the stated hours to be worked were eliminated and the contract changed to Larry amended his motion to include a minimum of 40 hours a week and may include Saturday, Sunday and evenings as necessary for the safety and welfare of the Village. Linda Gebel seconded the motion. All ayes, contract approved. Linda Gebel made the motion to hire Kelly Murrah as Police Chief and Marty Mitchell seconded it. All ayes. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Zulz swore in Chief Murrah.

Chief is going to begin enforcing the garbage and junk violations to coordinate with the Clean up day.

Parks: Linda Gebel opened bids for the mowing of the summer rec park as well as the Memorial park by the fire station. There were three bids submitted. Provided the selected bidder can provide proof of insurance naming the Village as a secondary insurer, the Village voted the following:

Louie Hite 1140⁰⁰

Jay Feazel \$4500⁰⁰

~~Gary Heigt gave a bid of \$1000...????~~

Travis Spangler gave a bid of \$4000~~??~~

Gary Malec gave a bid of ~~\$4500???~~ 3875

Marty made a motion to accept the middle bid of Travis Spangler as long as proof of insurance can be provided within 10 days showing the Village as a secondary insured. It was seconded by Lee. 3 ayes, 1 nay. Motion passes.

Library: Nothing at this time.

TIF/Finance/Insurance:

Linda made a motion to permanently transfer \$24,718.51 from Corporate checking into Police checking. It was seconded by Marty. All ayes transfer approved.

Post Prom donation: Marty made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the post-prom event this year. Lee seconded it. All ayes, motion passed.

Sun Foundation: Larry made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Sun Foundation. Marty seconded the motion. All ayes, donation approved.

Economic Development:

Marty will follow-up with the Car wash/laundry mat idea based on the presentation tonight.

The current businesses at the industrial park sent a letter of concern regarding the type of business that will be developed out there. We already have ordinances in place regarding some of their concerns. They were concerned regarding containers and other debris. Danny reminded everyone that those types of items are customary with the industrial side of business and they would be appropriately placed.

Re: Tomlinson request to purchase land at the industrial park: At this time, Mr. Tomlinson is not ready to meet the requirements set up for the purchase.

Larry was reminded of the conflict of interest on the issue and was told he is not to comment or make recommendations regarding this issue. It was left that if Mr. Tomlinson is interested in resubmitting a request with appropriate requirements, he is to bring it before the economic development committee for consideration and they will bring it to the board with their recommendation.

The committee will be considering a possible purchasing of more land to add to the industrial park.

Old Business:

Renewal of the contract 10 year to lease the triangle space of land that the helicopter sits on, to the Legion Post 661 for a dollar per year. Motion made by Larry and seconded by Lee. All ayes, contract will be renewed.

New Business:

Swearing in and placement of Randy Ragains on the zoning board for the Village.

There was a request to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel issues. Motion made by Marty and seconded by Linda. All ayes, regular meeting suspended at 8:25 PM (c-1)

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:03 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Gebel and seconded by Marty. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Village Clerk.